

FIRE WRITERS GO PLANS ARE ARRANGED ANNUAL SHAD FEST WHEN PIANO MEN MEET

Lots of Fun for Big Crowd
at Marshall Hall.

PRIZEFIGHTS AND ORATORY

All Kinds of Athletic Sports and a
Good Feed for Every-
body.

Washington's Fire Underwriters and their friends made merry at Marshall Hall yesterday afternoon, celebrating their annual planked shad dinner. About 200 writers and fifty of their friends made the journey down the river on the steamer Macalester. In addition to the "feast," an enjoyable program of sports was "planned."

Commissioner Macfarland, Insurance Superintendent Drake, and a score of other prominent men in District affairs were guests of honor. Edward F. Droop, sr., of the "middle department," was referee general in the "athletic" events, which took place on the lawn, not in the banquet hall.

As a prize feature of the outing—counting a score of oratorical numbers—a prizefight was given. Two husky colored men volunteered their services for a purse of \$15 to entertain the writers, and performed to the satisfaction of everybody for half an hour. The largest padded gloves obtainable were used, and at the end of the contest Referee Droop was unable to decide a winner. One of the contestants had the call on points of effectual guarding, but this lead was offset by the agility exhibited by his opponent in the matter of footwork. The purse was equally divided—between the fighters—the referee's services being donated.

Baseball Game Had to Be "Continued." Following the contest a baseball game was arranged. The weather was ideal, and the fielding, batting, and base running of the players engaged—twenty all told—would make the members of our big league grow white with anger. Owing to the scorekeeper's attention being distracted at a critical moment, the final score was disputed. Darkness having begun to fall, necessitating the umpire calling the game, it was decided that it would be continued in the next.

Shooting clay pigeons, bull's-eyes, and at various other targets formed another feature of the outing, while still another item in the official program called for a bowling contest. In the shooting contest Commissioner Macfarland was declared the nearest to a winner. He did not get a bull's-eye, but he hit the next thing to it. The clay pigeons would not remain still long enough to get hit.

Some Speechmaking and Music. During the feast on "planked shad" speeches were made by Commissioner Macfarland, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General P. V. De Graw, Superintendent of Insurance Drake, and former president of the association, H. K. Simpson. Walter A. Brown, president of the association, presided, and acted as toastmaster.

Solos by George O'Connor and music by Schroeder's Orchestra formed the program of entertainment on the boat to and from the scene of activity. The dispensing of a liberal quantity of thirst dispeller rounded off the bill of fare. Lem. T. Towens, H. K. Simpson, and William H. West constituted the committee in charge of the outing.

**BUSINESS MEN FAVOR
"COLUMBUS DAY" BILL**

Representative Sulzer of New York introduced a delegation of New York and Baltimore business men to the President yesterday, who came on to Washington to appear before the House Judiciary Committee to testify in behalf of the bill of Mr. Sulzer setting aside October 12 in each year as a legal holiday, to be known as Columbus Day.

A SYMBOL IN THE CAPITOL DOME. Every day you find in the Capitol the steady and ceaseless throng of visitors, leaning upon the rails on the stairway, looking upon the paintings which so vividly portray stirring scenes of national history, written in the marble frieze in the National Magazine for April. Now the space in the Brumidi frieze in the Capitol, which has remained for a while on account of the death of the artist, is to be filled. The unfinished work was always the text for a long paragraph in the feature of the Capitol guide. The frieze is seventy-five feet from the floor and runs about the base of the dome. The completed part depicts historic scenes of the new world from the time of Columbus to the civil war. With upward-curved necks visitors never fail to discover the scenes of the civil war depicted in this frieze. This was the chief reason for its being left unfinished. Now it is suggested that scenes shall be taken from the Spanish-American war, with a suggestion of the Philippine, Porto Rico, and the Panama canal, leaving the fratricidal war to be chronicled only on the yellow pages of history, with all bitter memories eliminated from the hearts of the people—a completed are symbolic of the unity of the nation.

AIDS WONDER WORKER. Concrete is the new medium of the engineering wonder worker, writes D. N. Harner. First he builds the gaunt steel skeleton of a skyscraper, and then a wooden mold of the desired width about the thin steel girders. Into this mold he forces concrete, and waits a few hours for it to harden. Then the wooden shields are removed, and there stands a smooth wall, which grows harder with the passage of each day and will withstand a greater pressure than granite or steel itself. Or he builds a great bridge, spanning 150 feet at a single span, of slender steel rods, forces concrete inside the temporary wooden skin which marks the desired shape, and has, next morning, a structure of strength and beauty, which will defy all the power of the winds and waves alike. Or, when twenty years ago a tall chimney would have been laboriously put up, brick by brick, and a dozen feet in thickness at the base, he spins his steel-spined web, pours his liquid into a thin shell of less than a dozen inches, and behold a slender structure towering hundreds of feet into the air and strong enough to stand anything short of a cyclone.—Technical World.



PHILIP WERLEIN, NEW
ORLEANS, PRESIDENT

Splendid Program Planned
for Convention of Manu-
facturers and Dealers
in Washington.

The annual conventions of the National Association of Piano Dealers and the National Association of Piano Dealers of America, which will be held in Washington May 10 to 18, inclusive, will be the most important held by the representatives of those industries since the organization of the former body ten years ago.

Because of the closely allied interests of the two organizations, it has been customary for them to hold their annual meetings in the same city, practically at the same time, and establish headquarters in the same hall. In the present instance the headquarters of both organizations will be in the New Willard Hotel.

It is probable that more than 1,000 accredited representatives or delegates of the two organizations will be in attendance. Besides these it is expected a thousand or more of the relatives and friends of the delegates and others interested in the piano industry will take advantage of the occasion to visit Washington.

Three-Day Session. Each of the organizations will be in session three days at Convention Hall, the National Piano Manufacturers' Association holding its first meeting beginning at noon Thursday, May 10 next. A meeting will also be held in the afternoon and two meetings each on Friday and Saturday, May 11 and 12 next.

On Monday following the National Association of Piano Dealers of America will meet in Convention Hall, and remain in session three days, adjourning Wednesday, May 16.

On the evening of Tuesday, May 15, a banquet will be given at the New Willard Hotel, which will be attended by the delegates to both conventions, and the day following, May 16, the representatives of the two organizations will be received by the President at the White House.

Among those who have been invited and have accepted invitations to respond to toasts at the joint annual banquet of the two organizations are:

Officers and Members. The following are the officers and members of the standing committees of the National Association of Piano Dealers of America:

National officers—President, Philip Werlein, New Orleans, La.; first vice president, J. P. Byrne, Chicago, Ill.; second vice president, W. H. Currier, Toledo, Ohio; third vice president, F. A. Leland, Worcester, Mass.; fourth vice president, G. W. Nichols, Baltimore, Md.; secretary, Percy S. Foster, Washington, D. C.; treasurer, E. H. Droop, Washington, D. C.; executive board, R. T. Cassell, Denver, Col.; C. F. Putnam, Boston, Mass.; J. T. Wemelin, Cleveland, Ohio; J. P. Simmons, New Orleans, La.; membership committee, J. O. Twitcheil, Chicago; Platt P. Gibbs, Chicago, Ill.; G. Q. Chase, San Francisco, Cal.

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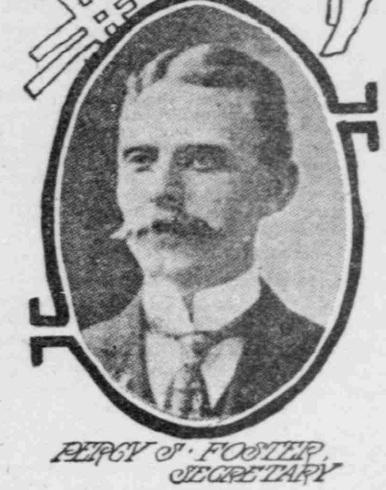
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PERCY S. FOSTER,
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National Association of Piano Dealers of America the following subjects will be discussed by the persons named: W. J. Dorrough, "Organs and their relation to the piano trade;" Louis F. Geisler, "Talking machines and their relation to the piano trade;" J. P. Byrne, "How will the interior piano-player affect the piano business? Will it arouse more interest in the general public? What is the best method of handling piano-player music rolls and a circulating library of the same?" J. H. Williams, "How to organize and manage a sales force in order to get the best results;" R. T. Cassell, "How to make country business pay. Is it better to work by men on the road or branch stores? Shall compensation be on a salary or commission basis?" Col. P. B. T. Hollenberg, "The advisability of exposition of pianos and organs and all musical and allied industries so far as the product is finished;" J. P. Simmons, "Advertising and a way to regulate fake propositions which are published in the press by various houses from time to time;" Henry Dreher, "The association a clearing house of the music trade;" W. P. Van Winkle, "Value of local associations."

**DOWIE, WEAK AND ILL,
RETURNS TO HIS OWN**

Reconciled Wife and Faithful Few Wel-
come Weeping Prophet—He Will
Hold Services Tonight.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 28.—With tears streaming down his face, "First Apostle" John Alexander Dowie this afternoon entered the precincts of Zion City, founded through his endeavors, and from which he practically had been banished by an edict of his deserting followers.

Standing with bare head in the pouring rain, the "prophet," despite his evident weakness and his emotion, spoke a few words to the few assembled at the station, and then drove away to Shiloh house to meet the wife with whom he had become reconciled a day before.

Putting her arms around the aged "Elijah," she kissed him, and assisted him into his house. The door closed on the scene of Dowie's return to his own house.

By an order of court, Dowie tomorrow is permitted to hold services in the big tabernacle of Zion City. His strength is sufficient, he will hold sacrifice services in the morning and speak again at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

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Williams Calls Methods Of Trusts Socialistic

Says He Would Rather Pay Direct Tax to Be
Distributed Among Poor Than Con-
tribute to Wealthy Magnates.

The tariff discussion started in the House Thursday afternoon occupied practically all the time of the session yesterday. John Sharp Williams interrupted the speech he began then, and consumed the first two hours in a collaboration with Representative Towne of New York, in which Towne read the letters and other articles Williams wanted to include and Williams, standing beside him, kept up a running fire of interjectory comment, explanation, and argument.

Mr. Williams made this statement of his personal conviction: "I would rather pay a direct tax and have it given out by the Government every week to the poor men working at less than fairly remunerative wages than pay this indirect tax and have it go into the pockets of these favored trust magnates. It is no more socialism than the present method. You say you are levying a duty to procure better pay for workmen, but that is not the truth. It is a tax for the benefit of men

who see to it that mighty little of it dribbles through to workmen."

Mr. Williams was frequently interrupted by the vigorous applause of the Democrats. Mr. Cushman of Washington replied. He is one of the hard hitters of the high tariff fighters.

"I have listened with intense interest to the brilliant speech of my friend from Mississippi," he began. "For seven years I have heard that speech every year, and have noted with interest and pleasure the regular improvement. It has been improved in diction, in expression, in inflection and in gesture, but the speech is the same old speech that it was seven years ago when I heard it for the first time."

He said the daily quotation of the boarder from Hebrews 12:3 applied equally to this case. It was "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever."

Mr. Cushman spoke for nearly an hour in defense of the protective tariff system, frequently arousing the laughter of the House by his sallies and gaining hearty applause at the conclusion of his speech.

HEAVENLY EZRA WRITES TO CANNON

Appreciates Efforts of Rail-
roads in Disaster.

POSTPONES RATE BILL

In Spirit of Gratitude Mysterious
Writer Advises Congress Soon
to Adjourn.

There have been circumstantial intimations from time to time about the locality in which the literary activity against railroad legislation originated, but the first suggestion that heaven was laying an earnest interest in behalf of the railroad cause has just been received. It comes in the shape of a postal card to Speaker Cannon, dated at Heaven.

The postal follows: "Heaven, 36-4-25.—The disposition shown by the railroad companies to come to the relief of the destroyed city by offering their roads free has decided me to lay over the rate bill until the next session of Congress. You should adjourn by May 15 next."

(Signed.) "EZRA, Heaven." "Ezra" has been writing to the Speaker of the House off and on for several years. The letters or postals have not been so numerous the present session as usual. They are always suggestive of rather an intelligent interest in public affairs, and the writer assumes the attitude of prophecy. However, his prophecies have not come true often enough to justify any hopes of getting Congress away from this town by May 15; neither would it be safe for Senator Aldrich to arrange a celebration of the defeat of the legislation on the strength of "Ezra's" anticipations.

Nobody has ever discovered who the eccentric writer is. He has mailed his communications from postoffices all over the country, and is evidently a good deal of a traveler. The one just received came from St. Louis, according to its postmark.

**HE OBJECTS TO MORMON
FOR POSTMASTER'S JOB**

Senator Dubois of Idaho called upon the President yesterday to protest against the nomination of Bishop Winters as postmaster at Montpelier, Idaho. Mr. Winters is a bishop in the Mormon Church, and was named to succeed a Gentle.

**JUDGMENT AGAINST CLARK
FOR \$10,000 OVERDRAFT**

HELENA, Mon., April 28.—Judge Hunt, in the United States court today, rendered judgment against C. W. Clark, son of Senator W. A. Clark, for upward of \$10,000, the amount of an overdraft on the Chihuahua, Mex., bank.

WILL PLAY "FROU-FROU" FOR QUAKE SUFFERERS

A matinee performance, the proceeds of which will go to the indigent and homeless of San Francisco, will be given at an early date in May in the National Theater, which has been donated by Harry Rapley for the occasion. It will be under the auspices of the Robert Hickman Dramatic School and Miss Jessica Vir Dei Ma.

Mr. Hickman has selected for production Sara Bernhart's famous "Frou-frou."

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In wedding, reception, and evening slippers we are showing over a hundred shades in all the leathers and materials which are being worn.

In sporting footwear we are showing all the novelties that the largest New York shops are showing—the correct fashions for playing at golf, tennis, for wear while fencing, shooting, hunting, riding, and automobiling.

For May balls we are exhibiting the newest creations in children's fancy dress footwear.

In men's footwear we are showing all the most distinctive styles in shoes, low shoes, pumps, &c.

Stocks have never been so complete—assortments never so large—fashions never so charming, as they are just now.

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"Closing" and "Opening"

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Values Up to \$45 for \$25

Values Up to \$25 for \$21

The "Opening" of the new Summer Dresses is really the important occasion now, to you and the Palais Royal. The new Lingerie-effect Dresses in Princess effects are \$20 to \$40; the less elaborate white dresses, lace and embroidery trimmed, are \$7.98 to \$35. Shirt Waist Suits are as little as \$1.98; especially good Silk Dresses at \$10 and \$15; others up to \$40.

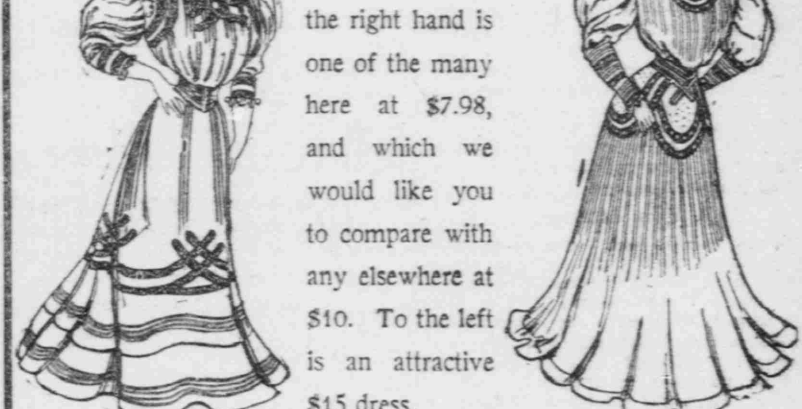


\$20

Two of the many dresses shown at \$20. Note that hats and parasols have been made to wear with these dresses, creating a harmonious ensemble.

\$1.98 and \$2.98 Dresses

These are Satene Dresses, black and black and white checks and pin dots. Some are made with white chemisettes. All are neat and lady-like, none cheap looking. All sizes in all styles.



\$7.98

The Dress to the right hand is one of the many here at \$7.98, and which we would like you to compare with any elsewhere at \$10. To the left is an attractive \$15 dress.

White Waists, \$1.98

Worth Up to \$3.50.

Newspaper advertising is profitable only if it is read with confidence. You read the Palais Royal announcements with confidence, because the writer is not permitted to make misrepresentations. Sometimes a warning has to be sounded, as now, when you are told that early visitors will carry off the \$3.50 Waists, and that later callers must be content with \$2.50 values. Another warning—do not judge by a first glance. Some of these waists are disreputable looking—mussed—but a closer view will develop finest materials, daintiest trimmings, and exquisite workmanship.



Waists at 89c

Worth Up to \$2

Two of these Waists are pictured above—hundreds more are here. Various styles, with long and short sleeves, opening back and front. Note the quality of embroidery and lace trimmings. All sizes. See monster table full, on first floor, near elevator.

Skirts, 98c to \$7.00

Realize this fact—The designer of these little-priced Skirts receives a salary of thousands of dollars annually. Men like him have brought ready-to-wear garments to a standard so high that women will hardly wear any other.

Skirts at 98c

Not the usual skirts you find at one dollar. They'll fit as well as the more expensive, and are made up in five new styles.

Skirts at \$1.48

Wash Skirts, cut and pressed by men tailors. Of covert, duck, and linette, in white, black, gray, navy, and tan. All lengths in pleated and gored styles.

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